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- 1. PRAVDA APRIL 29 CARRIES A VERY BRIEF TASS REPORT FROM NEW YORK THAT GHANA CANCELLED THE PLANNED VISIT BY THE SECRETARY TO ACCRA. THE REPORT ADDS THAT NIGERIA, ON THE EVE OF THE SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE FOR AFRICA, LIKEWISE VETOED A VISIT TO THE "STRONGEST COUNTRY" ON THE CONTINENT.
- 2. IZVESTIYA APRIL 28 CARRIES A COMMENTARY BY TASS POLITICAL OBSERVER YU. KORNILOV WHICH ESSENTIALLY BLASTS A RECENT SPEECH BY NATO SYG LUNS, BUT WHICH CONTAINS BARBS AIMED AT U.S. AFRICAN POLICY AND THE SECRETARY'S TRIP. KORNILOV CLAIMS THE VISIT IS ENCOUNTERING SHARP CRITICISM BY THE AFRICAN PRESS, AND THAT THIS IS BASED ON AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR THE "COLONIALISTS AND SOUTH AFRICAN RACISTS" AT THE TIME FOR THE ANGOLAN CONFLICT.
- 3. VREMYA TV EVENING NEWS APRIL 28 CARRIED AN APPROXIMATELY FIVE-MINUTE DIATRIBE WHICH WAS SHARPLY CIRITICAL OF THE SECRETARY'S UNCLASSIFIED

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LUSAKA SPEECH, AND WHICH CLAIMED THE AFRICANS WILL JUDGE BY DEEDS

RATHER THAN WORDS, AND THAT "IMPERIALIST POLICY IN AFRICA HAS NOT CHANGED."

4. TASS ENGLISH CARRIES EXCERPTS FROM VARIOUS NEGATIVE COMMENTARIES IN AMERICAN, SOLALI, AND JORDANIAN NEWSPAPERS, WHICH WERE NOT REPEATED IN CENTRAL PRESS. THE FIRST TWO REITERATE THE THEMES DEALING WITH ANGOLA AND U.S. ECONOMC INTERESTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, WHILE THE JORDIAN WRITER CLAIMS THE GOAL OF THE SECRETARY'S TRIP IS TO BREAK THE UNITED ANTI-ISRAEL FRONT IN AFRICA. STOESSEL

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